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Applicant: G. Gundling, *et al.*

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ELEMENT

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated November 14, 2003, of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 17-27.

Please charge deposit Account 01-0025 in the amount of \$330.00 to cover the cost of the Notice of Appeal. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above-numbered deposit account. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Appeal of G. Gundling, et al, for "Method of Processing a Sample Containing at Least One Biological Element", Serial No. 09/492,213, filed January 27, 2000.

Also enclosed is a return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any Filing Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A **duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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